GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PATHANKOT AIRPORT FOR TOURISM
DHANI RAM SHANDIL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Himachal Pradesh has requested the Government tothrow open Pathankot Airport for development of tourism in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by which the airport will be opened for tourists; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c):- Yes, Sir. Pathankot Airport belongs to Indian Air Force. There is no Civil Enclave at this airport to facilitatecivil operations. The development of Pathankote airport for civil operations is dependent upon the availability of resources, traffic potential, and also on willingness on the part of airlines to start services, subject to availability of aircraft and commercial viability. The proposal is at preliminary stage.